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Theatre Royal.

On SATURDAY, Feb. 17, will be presented, A Comedy called

THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE.

Lord Ogleby, Mr. LEE LEWES—Sir John Melvill, Mr. WOODS—Proud, Mr. MELVIN—Lowell, Mr. ALLEN—And Sterling, Mr. ROCK—Mr. BIGGS—Miss Sterling, Miss KEMBLE—And Fanny, Mrs. KEMBLE.

PATRICK IN PATRICK.

By Particular Belief.

To-morrow, FRIDAY, Feb. 16, will be presented, the Comedy of

CHEAP LIVING.

With THE REPRISALS, or TARS OF OLD ENGLAND.

On MONDAY, Feb. 19.

By desire of the Right Hon. Lady AUGUSTA CLAYBURN, The last New Comedy of

SECRETS WORTH KNOWING.

WITH

THE CHILDREN IN THE WOOD.

On TUESDAY, Feb. 20, a Comedy called

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE.

AND

THE DEVIL TO PAY.

The entire Receipts of this night to be given in aid of the Voluntary Subscription Fund for the Defence of the Country.

Those Ladies and Gentlemen who have taken Boxes for the third night of THE HEIR AT LAW, are respectfully informed that it will be acted on Wednesday, Feb. 21, on which occasion a new Musical Entertainment will be brought forward called

ST KILDA IN EDINBURGH.

On, NEWS FROM CAMPERDOWN.

By desire of the Right Hon. Lord Viscount DUNCAN, On MONDAY, Feb. 26, will be presented,

The Comic Opera of

INKLE AND YARICO.

WITH

THE AGREEABLE SURPRISE.

Between the Play and Farce,

A MONOLOGUE, by Mr. LEE LEWES.

Mr. KEMBLE does himself the honour of informing the Nobility, Ladies and Gentlemen, and the Public, that the new and splendid scenery, Dresses, and Decorations for the CASTLE SPECTRE are getting forward with all possible dispatch—Mr. KEMBLE perceiving that the Castle Spectre, as published, must be too long for representation, has procured a book, marked and quoted from London, and in every respect it will be got up at Edinburgh, he flatters himself, with equal advantages of scenery and decoration as at the Theatre Royal, Drury-Lane.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE COUNTRY.

A respectable Meeting of NOBLEMEN, GENTLEMEN, INHABITANTS OF EDINBURGH and the Neighbourhood, convened on a short notice by the Lord Provost of the City for the purpose of considering the propriety of adopting and promoting a general plan in Scotland of Voluntary Contribution to Government (the Lord Provost in the Chair) it was unanimously resolved—

That, considering, as we now are, for the preservation of our national independence—our religion—our liberties—our domestic and individual comforts, and for our very existence—every British subject, by every consideration of honour, of duty, and of interest, to come forward with alacrity and zeal, in contributing pecuniary aid for the defence of his native country, and for the security of all that is valuable or dear to men.

That, while we contemplate the efforts which our enemies are now making—while we see them straining every nerve, and calling for voluntary contributions for the avowed purpose of enabling them to attempt an invasion of this island—we are confident that these measures can produce no other effect than to rouse the spirit and courage of our countrymen, and to prompt every individual cheerfully and voluntarily to make such sacrifices and exertions, as will fully secure to us the enjoyment of those invaluable blessings which have been handed down to us by our ancestors, and which we are bound to transmit inviolate to our posterity.

That, impressed with a strong sense of these powerful considerations, this Meeting will, by every exertion, endeavour to carry into execution a plan for a GENERAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION IN SCOTLAND; and will, for that purpose, immediately cause a subscription paper to be opened in Edinburgh, and transmit copies of it to all Corporate and Public Bodies in Scotland, to the Magistrates of the several towns, to the Lieutenants and Sheriffs of the different counties, and to the Ministers of each parish—in order that the inhabitants of a country, of all ranks and stations (renouncing and sacrificing party distinctions and considerations) may, in the hour of danger, cordially unite in one common cause.

And the following form of a Subscription Paper having been considered, was approved of, and adopted by the Meeting:—
We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, considering the present crisis of our country, which calls for the united and strenuous exertions of all ranks and orders of men to furnish every aid in their power to its defence and safety; considering, as we are, that it is equally interest and the duty of every person in the kingdom, to contribute as a portion of his income to the common defence; and that the security of every thing valuable in property or dear in existence; and that it would be a reproach to our character as men and as British subjects, if while our enemies are making exertions and sacrifices to aid in the projected plan of the invasion of this island, the most for our defence, and our aid in the cause of humanity, should be less effectual than the enthusiasm which our enemies have manifested in their plans for destruction—DO THEREFORE, in our joint sense of the force of these strong and virtuous motives, we hereby agree to contribute a voluntary sum towards the support of Government, and the pressing exigencies of the State; by the payment of the sums annexed to our respective subscriptions, in one or more instalments, as we may find most suitable; the sum which, it is agreed, shall not be less than the 1st of December next, the money to be paid to the Bankers or Banking Companies in Edinburgh, or in other towns in Scotland, as may be most convenient to the subscribers.

N. B. Each person to specify when he subscribes, whether the sum subscribed is over and above all taxes and public burdens, or if it is under the contribution imposed by the act of the 12th January 1798, commonly called the Afflict Tax Act—it being understood, that it will not include the additional assessment imposed by that statute, but will include the former Afflict Tax or any other taxes.

It was also resolved, That it be recommended to those who subscribe a sum, including their additional assessment under the late Act, either to cause their Banker to remit their money to the Bank of England, and to obtain for them the receipt required by the Act, or to pay what they calculate to be the surplus above the new assessment as soon as convenient, and retain the amount of their assessment till called for by the Collectors.

The Meeting further resolved, That an Address to the Inhabitants of Scotland should be prepared and circulated; and for this purpose, as well as for carrying the measures now agreed upon into execution, a Committee was appointed.
A letter was produced to the Meeting, from his Grace the Duke of Buccleugh, Lord Lieutenant of the County, who was decidedly absent, signifying, that he was to subscribe the sum of Six thousand Pounds, including what was to be paid by him of taxes imposed by the Act of Parliament passed on the 12th of January 1798, for raising a part of the supplies within the year.
Other members of the Meeting declared their intention to be to contribute a Fifth of their whole annual income, instead of a Tenth of their income, to which, by that statute, their assessment might be restricted.
The Meeting appointed their Resolutions to be signed by their Priests, and inserted in the newspapers.

(Signed) THOMAS ELDER, Preses.

Edinburgh, February 15, 1798.

The List of Subscribers will be published as we have room.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

	Including the New Assessment	Over and above all Taxes
The Duke of Buccleugh	£. 6000 0	
The Lord Advocate	800 0	
Sir James Grant, Bart.	700 0	
Sir W. Forbes, James Hunter, and Co.	1000 0	
G. Home, Esq. of Branton, Vt. Cl. of Session	100 0	
Alex. Fraser Tytler, Esq. advocate	100 0	
William Robertson, Esq. advocate	100 0	
The City of Edinburgh	1000 0	
Thomas Elder, Esq. Lord Provost	200 0	
Alex. Keith, Esq. of Ravelston, W.S.	300 0	
Mr John Murray of Lanrick	300 0	
Lieut. Col. James M. Murray	300 0	
Captain Robert Murray	50 0	
The Faculty of Advocates	2000 0	
Wm. Macleod Bannatine, Esq. advocate	200 0	
Henry Mackenzie, Esq. Exchequer	100 0	
Thomas Bruce, Esq.	100 0	
Hugh Warrander, Esq.	100 0	
McCl. Munfield, Ramsay, and Co.	1000 0	
Robt. Sinclair, Esq. Prin. Clk. of Session	100 0	
Rev. Dr. Hunter, Professor of Divinity	50 0	
James Walker, Esq. W.S.	210 0	
Rev. Dr. Johnston, Leith	11 11	
Captain Ramsay, Royal Navy	51 10	
Captain Gellie, Royal Navy	51 10	
Lieutenant Withy, Royal Navy	10 10	
Lieutenant Tyre, Royal Navy	10 10	
Lieutenant Craig, Royal Navy	10 10	
Lieutenant Walker, Royal Navy	10 10	
Charles Livingston, Master, Royal Navy	5 5	
Thomas Ritchie, Master, Royal Navy	5 5	
Dr. Gregory, M.D. R.E.V.	100 0	
Alexander Grant, Esq. W.S.	100 0	
William Beveridge, Esq. W.S.	100 0	
Rev. Mr. William Simpson	10 10	
John Hepburn, Esq. Accountant of Excise	50 0	
Lieutenant-Colonel Aytoun, R.E.V.	200 0	
A. Campbell of Clackath, Esq. adv. R.E.V.	100 0	
Walter Watson, Esq. R.E.V.	100 0	
John Pringle, Esq. Clerk of Session	100 0	
Major Hope, R.E.V.	100 0	
Mr John Brown, printer, R.F.V.	1 1	
Mr Thomas Smith, tinsmith, R.E.V.	10 10	
Wm. Kerr, Esq. Secretary to the General Post Office, R.E.V.	50 0	
John Macritchie, Esq. writer, R.E.V.	21 0	
Claud Ruffell, Esq. accountant, R.E.V.	21 0	
Lieutenant-Colonel Fringle, R.E.V.	50 0	
Alex. Menzies, Esq. Prin. Clk. of Session	100 0	
Alex. Wallace, Esq. banker, R.E.V.	63 0	
David Boyle, Esq. advocate, R.E.V.	31 10	
John Burnett, Esq. advocate, R.E.V.	44 0	
Adam Rolland, Esq. advocate	210 0	
David Hume, Esq. advocate, R.E.V.	100 0	
John Home, Esq. W.S. R.E.V.	51 10	
Robt. Arbuthnot, Esq. Treasurer Office	50 0	
Mr Andrew Wood, Surgeon	50 0	
Mr D. Thomson, wine merchant, R.E.V.	21 0	
The Rev. Dr. Davidson of Marthouse	210 0	
David Bellour, Esq. W.S.	51 10	
Robt. Dundas, Esq. W.S. R.E.V.	51 10	
Mr Frae Home and Dr. Ja. Home, physicians	100 0	
Thomas Craigmiles, Esq. W.S. R.E.V.	100 0	
The Society of Writers to the Signet	210 0	
Is. Oswald, Esq. Jun. of Dunbarton, ad. R.E.V.	20 0	
Miss Fall, Nicholson Street	10 0	
Dr James Hamilton, physician	51 10	
Mr Dr. Erskine	150 0	
James Ferguson, Esq. Advocate, R.E.V.	30 0	
Andrew Blane, Esq. W.S.	51 10	
Commissioner Cochran	100 0	
Dr Joseph Black	100 0	
John Anderson, Esq. W.S.	300 0	
Mr A. Ross, Deputy Clerk of Session	20 0	
Mr Alex. Thomson, Dep. Cashier of Excise	50 0	
Mr Josiah Maxton, fader	25 0	
Professor Finlayson	50 0	
Stuart Moodie, Esq. advocate	51 10	
Mell. T. and A. Hutchison, merchants	51 10	
Shadrach Moyle, Esq. Secretary to the Commissioners of the Customs	84 0	
Commissioner Phillips	100 0	
Capt. Pat. Hunter, R.E.V.	50 0	
Robert Clark, Esq. of Marybank	210 0	
John Hunter, Esq. W.S.	50 0	
The Earl of Moray	2000 0	
Robert Blair, Esq. Solicitor General	300 0	
Mr John Pear, writer	50 0	
Mr James Hamilton, No. 9, Prince's Street	50 0	
Alex. Bolwell, Esq. of Blackadder	1000 0	
Mr Robert Young, Queen's Street	100 0	
Commissioner Reid	100 0	
James Gardner, physician	21 0	
James Lauder, Esq. of Whitfield	50 0	
Mr David Milne, merchant	150 0	
Robert Sym, Esq. W.S. R.E.V.	100 0	
Mr William Hunter, merchant	10 10	
Daniel Munro, Esq. advocate, R.E.V.	31 10	
Captain Cha. Kerr, R.E.V.	25 0	
Mr David Wilson, printer	10 10	
Professor Park	15 0	
Captain Park, 2d regiment R.E.V.	51 10	
Mr William Rankin, tailor	21 0	
Mr William Fraser, tailor	21 0	
Mr John Mawer, dairyman, Dairy	31 10	
Captain Clegg, Royal Navy	40 0	
James Clerk, Esq. Sheriff Deputy	100 0	
The Incorporated Society of Solicitors in the Court of Session	100 0	
Mr John Tawle, writer	51 10	
Mr Thomas Hay, Surgeon, R.E.V.	40 0	
Mell. Alex. and George Wood, Surgeons	100 0	
Mell. Kinnear and Sons, bankers	200 0	
Mr Francis Ronaldson, Surveyor General Post Office, R.E.V.	15 0	
Mr William Young, General Post Office, R.E.V.	5 5	
Mell. Benjamin Bell, Andrew Wardrop, and James Ruffell, Surgeons	210 0	
Mr James Jackson, merchant	25 0	
Mr John Stuart, Deputy Comptroller of Excise, R.F.V.	20 0	
John Bonar, Esq. Solicitor of Excise	100 0	
James Horne, Esq. W.S.	51 10	
Mrs Wardie, No. 2, Queen's Street	20 0	
Mr W. Dalrymple, merchant	25 0	
Thomas Smith, Esq. banker, R.E.V.	25 0	
Mell. Archibald Gilchrist and Co.	30 0	
The Rev. Mr. Moodie	20 0	
Matthew Ross, Esq. advocate	100 0	
The Duke of Argyle	1500 0	
James Ferrier, Esq. W.S.	50 0	
Mr Ferrier, Esq. W.S. R.E.V.	25 0	
Archibald Ferrier, Esq. W.S. R.E.V.	25 0	
George Fairholm, Esq. of Greenknow	200 0	
Baron Gordon	500 0	
Alexander Walker, Esq. Queen Street	50 0	
John Davidson, Esq. of Murelling	70 0	
Commissioner Edgar	100 0	
Mell. Donald Smith and Co.	51 10	
Mr Charles Preston	100 0	
Civilian Hamilton Pencaitland	1000 0	
Mr Cairns Falconer, writer, R.E.V.	21 0	
Mr Col. Hay, 2d bat. ad. reg. R.E.V.	100 0	
David Douglas, Esq. advocate, R.E.V.	21 0	
Robert Davidson, Esq. advocate	10 10	

Lord Craig	300 0
Alex. Menzies, Esq. Collector of Stamps	50 0
Geo. Duncan, Esq. Comptroller of Stamps	25 0
Jas. Baillie, Esq. Distributor of Stamps	25 0
Gen. Buchan, Esq. Solicitor of Stamps	50 0
Alex. Wedderburn, Esq. of Wedderburn	400 0
Sat. Peter Sandilands, Esq. Adv. R.E.V.	15 15
Geo. Abercrombie, Esq. advocate, R.E.V.	42 0
Ch. Brown, Esq. of Craighall, advocate	300 0
Mr. Thomas Wood, Surgeon	50 0
James Dundas, Esq. W.S.	51 10
Hugh Robertson, Esq. W.S.	51 10
Jas. Montgomery, Esq. advocate, R.E.V.	100 0
Lord Methven	400 0
Mr. Jas. Critrie, High School, annually during the war	30 0
Rev. Dr. Kemp	51 10
Dr. Munro	300 0
Royal College of Physicians	200 0
Dr. Rutherford	50 0
Thos. Kennedy, Esq. of Dunure	100 0
Dr. James Gray, physician	100 0
A. Swinton, Esq. of Kinnearham	100 0
Mr. Geo. Cunningham, Inspector General of Customs	30 0
Mr. Morris West, of the Customs	40 0
Mr. Geo. M. Campbell, writer, R.E.V.	50 10
Robert Allan, Sun Fire Office	100 0

(To be continued.)

LORD DUNCAN'S FLEET.

THE following sums have been SUBSCRIBED in EAST Lothian for the use of the Subjects in LORD DUNCAN'S Fleet, and transmitted to the Committee at Edinburgh by GEORGE BUCHAN HERMAN, Esq. of Smeaton:
The Most Noble Marquis of Tweeddale, £. 5 0
W. H. Nibbet of Orkney, Esq. 5 0
General H. Fletcher of Salton 2 0
Chas. Brown of Cockburn, Esq. 2 0
Robert Hunter of Thurston, Esq. 2 0
S. Hamilton of Bangour, Esq. 2 0
Captain James Dalrymple, North Berwick, Ja. Hay, Esq. W.S. 1 0
Sir Alex. Hamilton Dalrymple of N. Berwick, 5 0
Alex. Tod of Alderton, Esq. 2 0
John Cadell of Cockenzie, Esq. 1 0
James Wylie of Gledhill, Esq. 1 0
Geo. Buchan Esq. of Smeaton, Esq. 2 0
John Macleod of Culbuck, Esq. 2 0
The Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, 5 0
Sir James Hall of Dunblair, Bart. 5 0
Total £. 46 0

TO THE HERITORS OF THE COUNTY OF FIFE.
THE SHERIFF OF FIFE, in consequence of the application hereto submitted, respectfully HERITORS of the County to meet at Court, on Monday the 1st current, at 10 o'clock, will take that opportunity of laying before the Gentlemen present, a Plan for a Voluntary Subscription, in aid of the exigencies of the State.
Copy, Feb. 12, 1798.

CUPAR, Feb. 5, 1798.
THE NOBLEMEN AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNTY OF FIFE, subscribing, considering the present Low Price of Grain, and the total want of demand, even at these reduced rates, for bringing the value of Grain to its proper medium.
(Signed) BALGONIE, P.

David Johnston, Oliver Gourlay, Thos. Lawton, Oliver Low, Robert Armit, James Anderson, Geo. Sandilands, Wm. Bethune, and for Mr. Morrison of Naughton, John Thomson, Charles Bell, John Thomson, Robert Low, John Thomson, Pat. Rigg.

BRITISH STATE LOTTERY, 1797.

Begins drawing the 25th February 1798.
CAPITAL PRIZES.
6 Prizes of £. 10,000 00 Prizes of £. 1,000 00
3 of £. 5,000 00 11 of £. 500 00
5 of £. 1,000 00 100 of £. 100 00

THE TICKETS ARE SOLD, And Divided into HALF, QUARTER, EIGHTH, AND SIXTEENTH SHARES.

JOHN WHITE AND CO.
At their State Lottery Office, OPPOSITE TO THE TROON CHURCH, EDINBURGH.
Where, in preceding Lotteries, a number of CAPITAL PRIZES HAVE BEEN SOLD.

February 1.—PRESENT PRICE OF SHARES.
Half, £. 6 12 0 Eighth, £. 1 14 0
Quarter, 3 6 0 Sixteenth, 0 17 6
Registering 6d. each Number.

J. WHITE and CO. recommend purchasing early, as Tickets and Shares having already advanced in price, are likely to be much higher.
Commissions with cash, or bills at a short date, executed on the same terms as if personally present.—Schemes Gratis.

By Authority of the

Principal Officers and Commissioners of his Majesty's Navy, On Monday the 19th of February instant, at eleven o'clock forenoon, will be SOLD by public auction, at his Majesty's Yard, Leith,

A Very considerable quantity of DECAYED NAVAL STORES, returned from his Majesty's ships in Leith Roads, consisting of Cables, Cables, Hawtens, Junks, Standing and Running Rigging, Messengers, Sails, Old Hammocks, Old Iron, &c. &c. together with a number of Anchors, from 6 to 12 Cwts. and a very large quantity of OLD WOOD, viz. Oak Plank, Beams, a few Knees, and a 28 gun ship's decayed Masts, &c.

Catalogues may be had of Mess. Thomson and Co. No. 8. South Bridge Street, Edinburgh, and at the Naval Office, Leith; and the Bares may be viewed during the common working hours of the Yard, by applying to
Naval Office, Leith, Feb. 9, 1798.
JOHN THOMSON, Naval Officer.

MILL AND LANDS IN EAST AND MIDLOTHIAN.

To be LET, for Nineteen Years, and entered to at Marthomas 1798.

THE FARM OF HOWDEN, part of the Estate of Newburgh, as lately possessed by Robert Hay. This Farm has been occupied by the proprietor for four years, and is well limed and manured; a large contiguous PARK will be added, making the whole ground let about 140 acres.

It. The MILL in Linen, called NEWBYTH MILL, with its THIRLAGE, and the TEMPLELANDS in Linen, presently occupied therewith, by George Simons, extending to about 16 acres.
III. THE FARM OF SOUTH LANGLOAN, in the parish of Leitherton, Mid-Lothian, consisting of about 40 acres, presently possessed by Daniel Robt.
Proposals for lease may be given in to Robert Baird, Esq. of Newburgh, the proprietor; or to Bain Whyte, W.S. No. 50, South Bridge Street.

COUNTY OF MID-LOTHIAN.

THE Noblemen, Gentlemen, Freeholders, Justices of the Peace, Commissioners of Supply, and Heitors of the County of Mid-Lothian, are required to meet in the Old Justiciary Court-room, on Saturday the 17th day of February inst. at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of determining whether they are to concur in the renewal of the Old Impost of Two Pennies on the Pint of Ale and Beer Brewed, Vended, &c. within the City of Edinburgh and adjacent Parishes, or to approve of the Bill prepared by the Committee as a substitute therefor; and failing of either, to suggest what other relief may be afforded to the City of Edinburgh, in lieu of the said Two Pennies Duty.

AGRICULTURAL SURVEY.

WANTED;

A PERSON of general knowledge and experience in Agriculture, and well acquainted with the value and management of Land, to take a VIEW of an ARABLE ESTATE, in the South West of Scotland.
The object of the survey is to give the proprietor an accurate idea of the true value of his estate, and in length what improvements and mode of management might be adopted for the future advantage of the property.
Whoever has been accustomed to make surveys of this nature, in different parts of Scotland, particularly the South and West, and can produce certificates of success and fidelity in such employment, will learn particulars by sending a letter addressed to A. B. at the Printing Office. Not to be repeated.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

Or at the term of Whitsunday next.
A STRADY YOUNG MAN, either as a Partner or Agent, tant to a Glacier. If a partner, a premium will be expected.
Apply to Hamilton Bell, writer to the Signet.

WANTED TO BORROW.

Now, or between and Whitsunday next, FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS Sterling, on undoubted heritable security over an estate in the county of Dumfries, rented at upwards of £. 400 per annum.
Apply to Archibald Douglas, Solicitor, No. 2, Charlotte Street.

SUTTLING HOUSES IN BARRACKS.

To be LET for one year from Whitsunday 1798, THE SUTTLING HOUSES within the Barracks at Hamilton, Perth, and Aberdeen.
Proposals will be received at this Office, or by the Barrack-masters of the above mentioned Barracks, between this and the 1st of March next. Barrack Office, Edin. Feb. 6, 1798.

To the Proprietors of the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance Agency, Agents by Fire.

THE GENERAL MEETING of the Proprietors, advertised to be held in the Magdalen Chapel, Cowgate, on Friday, is, by desire of a respectable number of Proprietors, delayed till Monday next, the 19th inst. at one o'clock.
JOHN DUNDAS, Secretary.

On the 16th February inst.

THE BRITISH STATE LOTTERY begins Drawing.

THIS Lottery contains SIX PRIZES OF TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS, and a much Larger Sum of Capitals than in any preceding Scheme.
The TICKETS and SHARES, in Half, Quarters, Eighths, and Sixteenths, in a variety of numbers, are on sale by THOMSONS AND CO.
Edinburgh (Licenced purveyor in all of Parliament).
In last Irish Lottery, No. 2447, £. 10,000, was sold at this Office to a Gentleman in the North County (his sole property).
Likewise, the £. 15,000 and a £. 10,000, in the British, in shares, besides others too numerous to insert in an advertisement.

Particulars.
Half, £. 6 12 0
Fourth, 3 6 0
Eighth, 1 14 0
Sixteenth, 0 17 6

REGISTERING, SIXPENCE EACH NUMBER.
NOTE.—The prices are still expected to rise at the drawing on proaches.—Letters, post paid, duly answered.—Schemes gratis.

OFFICE FOR SICK & WOUNDED SEAMEN.

APRIL 10, 1797.

THERE being a want of Surgeons' Mates to serve in his Majesty's Navy, the Commissioners for Sick and Wounded Seamen do hereby give notice to such Gentlemen as are willing to serve therein, that they may, on application at this

DOWNING-STREET, February 9, 1798.

THE King has been pleased to appoint James Talbot, Esq. to be his Majesty's Secretary of Legation at the Court of St. Petersburg.

Commissioners of the Admiralty for the Army in Ireland. Captain Marcus Corry, from the late 14th foot, to be Captain in the 5th dragoon guards, vice Captain R. H. Stovin who exchanges at the regulated difference; dated January 3, 1798.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FEBRUARY 9.

The following is a correct copy of his Majesty's message.

"His Majesty having taken into his Royal consideration the eminent and signal service performed by Adam Viscount Duncan, one of the Admirals of the Blue, on the coast of Holland, in an engagement in the month of October last, with the Dutch fleet under the command of Admiral De Winter, not only highly honourable to himself, but greatly beneficial to his Majesty's kingdoms, and being desirous to bestow upon the said Adam Viscount Duncan some considerable and lasting mark of his Royal favour as a testimony of his Majesty's approbation of the said service, and for this purpose to give and grant unto the said Adam Viscount Duncan, and to the two next succeeding heirs male of the body of the said Adam Viscount Duncan to whom the title of Viscount Duncan shall descend, for and during their lives, a net annuity of Two Thousand Pounds per annum; but his Majesty not having it in his power to grant an annuity to that amount, or to extend the effect of the said grant beyond the term of his own life, recommends to his faithful Commons to consider of a proper method of enabling his Majesty to grant the same, and of extending, securing, and settling such annuity to the said Adam Viscount Duncan, and to the two next persons on whom the title of Viscount Duncan shall descend, in such manner as shall be thought most effectual for the benefit of the said Adam Lord Viscount Duncan and his family."

London.

FEBRUARY 12.

VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Corporation of Reading have individually subscribed 500l.

At Oxford the subscription is going on with great spirit, those already voted are as follow:

The University, 500l.
The Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, 500l.
All Souls College, 300l.
New College, 300l.
Magdalen College, 300l.
University College, 200l. besides several private subscriptions.

The undermentioned corps have unanimously subscribed the following proportions of their pay, for the service of Government, at the present crisis—

The brigade of Foot Guards, one day's pay.
Royal Dragoons, two days pay.
The King's regiment of infantry, a week's pay.
Royal North British Dragoons, a week's pay.
Six companies of Royal Invalids in Plymouth Citadel, one day's pay.
The third, or Prince of Wales's Dragoon Guards, one day's pay.

Several other subscriptions were also set down as annual; and the whole are free gifts, without any reference to a composition in lieu of taxes.

The following are amongst the names, with the sums respectively subscribed by them:

Ironmonger's Company	—	1,000
Lord Mayor	—	500
Luffington and Mavor	—	1000
Robert, Williams, Son, and Co.	—	1000
Phyn and Inglis	—	1000
Boyd, Benfield, and Co.	—	3000
Angerstein	—	2000
Newham, Everett, and Co.	—	1000

Friday, the subscriptions at the Bank, before the general meeting in the Royal Exchange, amounted to about 460,000l.—Among the latest contributors are, Earl Spencer 3000l. Lord Boringdon 1000l. and Lord Hood 1000l.

The Benchers of the Hon. Society of Lincoln's Inn, 1000l.

His Majesty's ships Indefatigable and Childers, now lying at Falmouth—the captains, one year's pay—lieutenants, six months pay—warrant officers, three months—petty officers and A. B. two months.

Several subscriptions from clerks in computing houses were sent to the committee at the Royal Exchange.

The Marquis of Salisbury's servants have subscribed 25l.

The servants of the Speaker of the House of Commons have subscribed 40 guineas.

They were the Archbishop of Canterbury's servants, and not the Archbishop of York's, who subscribed 40l. the other day at the Bank.

On Saturday, at the close of the books, the subscription at the Royal Exchange amounted to upwards of 61,000l.

The Queen gives 5000l. The Duke of York gives the same.

Earl Camden 7000l. a-year during the war, out of the profits of his Tellerhip of the Exchequer.

The Duke of Portland, 5000l. a-year during the war.

The Lord Chancellor, 6000l. a-year during the war.

The Banking-houses of Messrs. Child, Coates, Drummond, Hoare, Newham, Moffat, and Williams, 1000l. each as a free gift.

The Banking-houses of Sir George Prescott, Hankey, and Stevenson, 500l. each. Messrs. Goldsmids 1500l.

The officers of the Brigade of Foot Guards, 1000 guineas.

The Gentlemen of the Navy Pay-Office, Somerset Place, 500l.

The Society of the Inner Temple, voted 1000l.

The Corporation of Reading 500l.

The Field-Officers and Captains of the East-India Volunteers six months pay each; the Subalterns one

month, and the Non-commissioned officers and privates one day's pay each.

The performers of Covent Garden Theatre.

Mr Lewis	12 10	0	0	Mr Hughes (Treas)	10	0	0
Mr Pope	10	0	0	Mr Fawcett	10	0	0
Mr Holman	10	0	0	Mr Murray	5	0	0
Mr Quick	10	0	0	Mr Johnston (the)	5	0	0
Mr Munden, pr. an.	10	0	0	Scottish Rotulus	5	0	0
Mr Incedon	10	0	0	Mr Follet	5	0	0

An order has been issued at Dunkirk, for building sixty gun-boats for the projected invasion.

This morning the Paris journals to the 8th inst. inclusive, were received.

Lyons, it appears, is in a state of siege. On the 2d February, the Directory made the following arrete:

"1st, The Commune of Lyons, and the three Fauxbourgs, called La Croix Roufe, La Guillotiere, and Vaise, are placed in a state of siege.

"2d, For the execution of this measure, the Minister at War shall send there the number of troops necessary, both of infantry and cavalry.

"The Minister of Police and the Minister at War are charged, each as far as it concerns him with the execution of the present arrete."

The town of Montpellier has also been declared in a state of siege.

A long message to the Council of Five Hundred, contains a full explanation of the conduct of the French Government towards the Helvetic Confederacy. In this communication, the Executive Directory disavow the intention attributed to them, of annexing the Pays-de-Vaud to the Republic of France—from the notice given in the conclusion of the message, that events have happened which will render hostile measures on the part of France unnecessary, it may be presumed that some material change has already been made in Switzerland, by the efforts of the patriotic party.

One article deserves particular notice, viz. a motion made by Guillemardet, in the Council of Five Hundred, for altering the mode of drawing by lot for a successor to the Member of the Executive Directory, who goes out annually. The nomination of the succeeding member, as the law now stands, is vested in the Legislative Body, which commences its sitting after the new third are chosen; but Guillemardet proposes that it shall be vested in future in the Legislative Body before that third are changed.

The Echo of the 7th inst. says, that Buonaparte will not return to Rastadt till the affairs of Switzerland and Rome wear a more decided aspect, and adds—

"it is, indeed, easy to conceive that the changes which are taking place in Switzerland, and those which are about to take place at Rome, will give such a totally new form and existence to those countries, and may occasion such a material difference with respect to the political balance, that nothing can be decided with regard to the state of Europe, till something conclusive has taken place in the above countries."

A letter from Rastadt, dated January 23, says, "The deputation from the Empire has objected to the preliminaries prescribed by France, which go to the establishment of the Rhine for its boundary. The answer of the French Plenipotentiaries to this remonstrance is not yet known; but it is presumed that, after the formal declarations which they have made, the Directory will not retract."

Government have received intelligence that, since the late Revolution in Holland, the Batavians enter more heartily into the views and plans of the French with respect to the invasion of this country than before, in consequence of which almost all the vessels in Holland are taken up as transports, and troops have actually begun to embark.—There are several hundred fail of ships and vessels in the Dutch ports, admirably calculated for transports, and we have no doubt but that the French will profit by them in their projected expedition.

It appears that the Cisalpine troops, who were marching to Rome to avenge the insult offered to the French Republic by the death of Dughot, have met with a small check from some armed peasants, who attacked them, and that between two and three hundred of them have been killed and wounded.

An article from Brest states, that the labours to fit out the expedition for the descent on England, are carried on with such activity, that the artificers work during the night, by the light of flambeaux.

An article of the utmost importance appears in the Moniteur of the 5th instant, only one copy of which has reached this country. This article is from Hamburg, of the date of the 24th ult. and to the following purport:

"The Executive Directory of the French Republic, has caused a notification to be made to the Courts of Prussia and Denmark, that it has given orders to a part of its troops in Germany, to march to this city (Hamburg) if these two powers do not agree to shut its port against British merchandise."—This is said by some editors to be copied from English papers.

This article we consider as highly important, as it proves that the French Directory have not abandoned their views upon Hamburg, which chiefly, no doubt, point to plunder; but which the Courts of Prussia and Denmark must counteract, if they themselves do not mean to become an easy and immediate prey to France.

A master of a neutral vessel arrived at one of the out-ports, declares that he was in St. Maloes eight days ago, and that a Raft, one quarter of a mile long, proportioned breadth, and seven balks deep, mounting a citadel in the centre, covered with hides, was nearly finished; and that a second upon a much larger scale, being near three quarters of a mile long, was constructing with unremitting activity.

They ridiculed the idea of employing force of such magnitude against Guernsey or Jersey. Spithead and the Isle of Wight are talked of there, as the objects of meditated attack, by those Quixotic invaders. Desperate as an expedition of this nature appears, it is not impossible that they may attempt it.

A separation has already taken place between the young King of Sweden and his Consort. They quarrelled the very first day of meeting; and it is doubted whether the marriage was consummated.

DOVER, Feb. 11, 6 o'clock p. m.

This morning the Prussian passage vessel is arrived, having on board the French Commissary for prisoners whom we have so long expected. The Danish passage boat, on board of which are all the French papers, is now within sight, and will be in the harbour about nine o'clock; she has twelve passengers on board. The Prussian vessel returned immediately to Calais.

Four Hamburg-mails are now due.

It is said that accounts have been received of Admiral Thompson having reached the coast of Ireland, where there is now a naval force of great strength. The chief apprehension of Ministry is, that the attempts of the enemy will be entirely directed against that country.—We are well assured, however, that they have no national force at present ready for sea, whatever preparations may be making in the different ports. Respecting their privateers, on the contrary, we learn by most correct information, received in the city on Saturday and yesterday, that there are not less than forty large ships of this description cruising in the Channel and north seas.

It is true that a Red Ribbon has been offered to Admiral Colpoys, and it is equally true that it has been declined by him. The transaction reflects the highest honour both upon the Government and the gallant Admiral.—He said that he should consider it as the proudest and happiest circumstance of his life, to merit such a distinguished honour, but he was not conscious of having done any thing to deserve it, and he therefore begged for the present to decline it.

A subscription is opened at Lloyd's for the relief of the unfortunate journeymen watchmakers who have been thrown out of employ by the late tax on clocks and watches.

The famous General Miranda has been in London, for the last fortnight, though no person seems to know the nature of his errand.

The unfortunate Prince de Leon, of the illustrious House of Montmorency, was taken on board a Hamburg packet last week by a French privateer, and carried a prisoner into Calais.

It is something remarkable, that of seventeen extra ships, taken up by the East India Company for bringing home cargoes last year, twelve of them have been lost; which is attributed to the smallness of the vessels for such heavy freights.

The Sheriff of Hampshire has sent warrants to the different Justices of the Peace throughout that county, to make out lists in writing, of all persons between the ages of 15 and 60 years, who are not already belonging to any corps of yeomanry or infantry, or in any other military capacity, in order to their being called out in case of actual invasion. The warrant states, that the hostile preparations now carrying on with the greatest avidity on the coasts of France, leave no doubt of the intention of the enemy to invade this country in different parts. It also states, that the inhabitants shall not be called from their occupation till real danger renders such a step necessary, when every man must come forward with such arms as he can procure.

A letter has been received by the Deputy Lieutenants of Hants, to cause an exact list of all carts, waggon, &c. to be taken throughout the county.

—DIED—

On Tuesday se'night, the Right Hon. James Hamilton, Earl of Clanbrassill, Viscount Limerick, one of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and a Knight of St. Patrick.—His Lordship was Chief Remembrancer of the Equity Side of the Exchequer for many years past, and a most highly respected and esteemed public and private character.

CORN EXCHANGE, Feb. 12.

We had a tolerable supply of Wheat to-day, and the stock of Flour in hand being large, there was a heavy sale at 1s. per quarter decline; there was also a good deal of Barley fresh in, but no material alteration in prices can be noted from last Monday. A good many Oats have come in since then, mostly of ordinary quality, which are cheaper, but Fine Corn nearly holds up.

Grey Pease are 1s. per quarter dearer, but in Boiling Pease and Beans no alteration.

Eng ^l h Wheat	40	48	0	Malt	35	37	0
Essex	—	49	0	Fine	—	—	—
Barley	20	24	0	New Oats	15	18	0
Fine	—	24	0	Mealings	19	21	0

—STOCKS—

BANK STOCK	—	5 per cent. Ann.	69 1/2	70
3 per cent. Ann.	48 1/2	Long Ann.	13 1/2	15-16
4 per cent.	60 1/2	Short	6 1/2	9-16

This day (Feb. 12.) at twelve o'clock,
3 per cent. red 49 1/2

Caledonian Mercury.

EDINBURGH—FEBRUARY 15.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT IN LONDON.]

HOUSE OF COMMONS, February 12.

Mr PITT moved the order of the day, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee upon his Majesty's message, which being read, he said, that as it was the wish of Government to give a similar reward to another Noble Admiral (Lord St. VINCENTS) who had lately distinguished himself in the service of his country, he should move that the Committee be deferred until Wednesday.—Ordered.

Mr T. JONES said, he hoped the Noble Admiral Sir RICHARD ONSLOW who had so greatly distinguished himself on the 11th October, would also be taken into consideration.

Mr PITT said, no man entertained greater respect than he did for the Honourable Admiral, but he believed there was no precedent for any application from the Crown for a pecuniary reward which was not confined to Commanders in Chief.—Adjourned.

PARIS, 19th Pluviose.

Three deputies of the provisional representative Assembly of the Lomanic Republic, viz. Citizens Moned, Lafechere and Bergier (Pays de Vaud), have arrived here in company with Citizen Autier, Aid-de-camp to General Menard. When these Deputies left Switzerland the head-quarters of the French army were at Laufanne; and the advanced guard of the Patriots of De Vaud, conducted by Citizen Debon, were at Morcit, five leagues from Berne.

Married, at Campvere, ALEXANDER FERRIER, Esq. of Middelburg, to Miss JONAS of Demerary.

Yesterday, the Lady of HENRY SCOTT Esq. of Belford, was safely delivered of a daughter.

Mrs WEMYSS of Wemyss, died at Torry House, the 1st inst.

Died at Calcutta, on the 11th of May last, Lieutenant WILLIAM MURRAY, in the service of the Hon. East India Company.

Died, on Monday se'night, at New-house near Durham, the Rev. FERDINAND ESHMALL, a Roman Catholic clergyman, in the 104th year of his age, and 73d of his ministry.

Died, on the 3d inst. the Countess of STAIR, at her house in Galloway.

Died, at Inverness, on the 5th inst. the Rev. Mr. GEORGE WATSON, one of the Ministers of that town.—He was a man of unaffected piety, of an uniform gentleness of temper, and kind conciliating manners—he consequently died regretted by all who knew him, and deeply lamented by his more intimate acquaintances.

Died, at Turfiff, the 9th instant, Miss FORDYCE of Galk.

Died, at Banff, on the 29th ult. in the 70th year of his age, GEORGE M'KILLEGAN, Esq. late Provost of Banff.

Died at Nairne, on the 5th inst. SAMUEL FALCONAR, Esq. brother of the late Bishop Falconar of the Scotch Episcopal Chapel.

The Right Honourable the Lord Provost and Magistrates, have invited the Right Honourable Lord Viscount DUNCAN, to partake of a magnificent entertainment to-morrow at Fortunes Tavern. At two o'clock the whole brigade of ROYAL EDINBURGH VOLUNTEERS are to assemble in the Meadows, and to march from thence, to salute Lord Duncan at his own house in George's Square; after which a grand procession will take place to Fortunes Tavern, Prince's Street.

DUTCH PRIZES.—A notice appeared in the Gazette of Saturday last, to the officers and companies of his Majesty's ships which formed the fleet under the command of Admiral Lord DUNCAN, on the 11th of October, that on Wednesday the 21st instant, such ships as then in port (the Powerful and Lancaster excepted) will be paid their respective proportions of 120,000l. arising from the sale of the Dutch ships of war, captured by the said fleet on the above day; and the ships on then in port will be paid immediately after their arrival (as will also the Powerful and Lancaster,) on being furnished with their prize lists.

THE HADDINGTON BALL is fixed for Friday the 2d of March.

For these few days past, the weather has been extremely unsettled, and accompanied with very high winds, owing to which the north post did not arrive here till near seven o'clock last night, no boat being able to pass at Queensferry.

Last night a fire broke out in a house in George Street, and this morning another in a tenement in Prince's Street—both of which were got under with little damage.

We understand, that full meetings of the Merchant Company of Edinburgh, and the Incorporation of the fickers of Leith, after taking into consideration the bill proposed to be brought into Parliament by the town of Edinburgh, for laying an impost on spirits and tea, in lieu of the two penny duty on ale and beer, they were unanimously of opinion, that the said bill if passed into a law, would not only be partial and oppressive to individuals, but hurtful to his Majesty's revenue.

We think it proper to inform our readers, that Mr. RUSPINI, Surgeon and Dentist, among other useful discoveries in the line of his profession; has compounded a Lotion the peculiar afflicting qualities of which proves very efficacious in falling the teeth, which have become loose either from decay or from certain disorders, incidental to them and the gums.

The officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the Fifehire Fencibles, lying at Carrickfergus, on the 7th inst. unanimously agreed to subscribe two days pay each, amounting to 78l. 17s. 10d. to his Majesty, to assist him in carrying on the present war.

A Clergyman of Edinburgh, who received an anonymous Letter on Friday the 8th current, recommending to his unknown correspondent Mr. PALEY's Evidence of Christianity, and Dr. BLAIR's Sermon on our present Ignorance of the Ways of God, being the ninth Sermon of the fourth volume.

Best oat-meal in Edinburgh market, 11d. per peck.

IRISH PARLIAMENT.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Feb. 8.

THE CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER, after some preliminary observations upon the state of the country, said that the charges for the present year would exceed the former in 400,000l. occasioned by the increased pay of the army, &c. The total amount for the supply of the year, would be 4,194,000l. to make up what the ordinary revenue would furnish one million. The sale of the quit rents, forming part of the hereditary revenue of the Crown, would give another million of the sale of these he hoped to raise money at 4 or 5 per cent. There would still remain 2,200,000l. to be raised by loan, which at present he doubted could be got under 10 per cent. but would limit it to that rate. To provide for this, and the deficiency of 60,000l. year, taxes would be necessary to the amount of 360,000l. which he proposed to lay on as follows:

Present tax on carriages, six guineas—he proposed to raise it to twelve	—	1,368 1/2
Male servants, one guinea each	—	20,000
The additional duty on hearths	—	10,000
Home spirits, an additional duty of 6d. per gallon, which, on 3,771,088 gallons, produced	—	95,271
On imported foreign spirits, an equal duty, which, on 800,000 gallons, would give	—	20,000
On malt, an additional duty—amount	—	40,000
On tobacco, an additional duty of 4d.	—	66,666
A duty of 3d. per lb. on tea	—	35,000
Duty on hops	—	2,000
Duty on paper made, in the warehouse of the manufacturer, with an equal duty on imported paper	—	18,000
Iron imported, double the present duty	—	5,000
On brewers licenses, 10l. per ann. calculating the number of breweries at 1000, would be	—	10,000
A small stamp duty on newspapers	—	1,000
Live cattle exported—Last year there were 30,000 head of cattle exported—it was at present 2s. per head; he would raise it to 3s.	—	4,000

He next proposed to retrench the privilege of franking, in which branch such frauds were practised, the 40000 franks passed through the Post-office in one night last week. He meant to limit the privilege to ten each member each day; which regulation he estimated would increase the revenue from 20 to 30,000l.

The aggregate of these duties, with a few thousand pounds, which he would raise from a small additional duty on drugs and spices, would make somewhat more than the 400,000l. required.

It was also necessary to mention here, that a lottery would be referred to this year, as one of the items to furnish the supply. He concluded by moving a resolution on that subject.

No gentleman spoke in reply. The Chairman reported, and obtained leave to sit to-morrow.

A MEETING OF THE FARMERS OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF FIFE-SHIRE.
It is to be held on Saturday the 17th inst. at twelve o'clock noon, within the house of John Wilson, vintner, Dundee, in order to take into consideration the present low price of Grain.

At a Meeting of the FARMER SOCIETY, held at St Nicholas the 5th day of February 1798.
Mr WILLIAM DEAS, at Throik, in the Chair.
The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:
1st.—That it is the opinion of the Meeting the extensive and rapid improvement of the agriculture of this country, and increased value of land, have, in a great degree, been owing to the facility of the Distilleries in Scotland, since put under licence, affording to the farmer a ready market and good price for his barley.

2d.—That the measures said to be in agitation to put the Distillers under the Excise, or to raise the licence duty higher, if adopted, will prevent the trade from being carried on, and, of course, will be prejudicial to the revenue, ruinous to the farmer, and hurtful to the landed interest.
3d.—The Meeting will co-operate with the other farmers in Scotland to apply, in a constitutional manner, for having the Distillery continued on its present footing, or for such other redress as may appear necessary. For this purpose they have named a Committee of their number to attend to the business—the Preses (Conveners, who will correspond with any other meetings on the subject.)
(Signed) WILL. DEAS, Pr.

CLACKMANNAN, February 10, 1798.
A GENERAL MEETING OF THE FARMERS OF the County was held here this day, in consequence of a previous intimation in the Edinburgh newspapers.

They made choice of Mr PETER MITCHELL, tenant in Balgaharo, in the parish of Logie, for their Preses. They proceeded to take into consideration the distresses that they labour under from the small demand for barley this season, it being with difficulty that they can dispose of their best grain, even at a low price, while the greater part of their crop lies a dead weight upon their hand; and this cannot but alarm the Farmers who have taken their farms at a high rent, and fills them with apprehensions that they will not be able to make good their engagements to their several landlords.

In former years the price of grain generally made amends to the farmer for a scanty crop, but at present, although the last crop has proved to be very inferior and unproductive, the price is scarcely equal to what it used to be in the most luxuriant years.

The Farmers apprehend that the low price of barley, and the small demand for it, has proceeded in a great measure from the alarm that the distillers in Scotland have taken from some expressions that are said to have fallen from the Right Hon. the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a debate in Parliament, on the bill for continuing until the first of March, the present laws of the Distillery in Scotland as they now stand. It is reported that the Chancellor of the Exchequer said, "That the price of spirits in Scotland was by far too low, and it was essential to the health and morals of the people, that the price should be raised to be higher, or perhaps that the trade must altogether be stopped."

The Farmers cannot condemn the caution of the distillers, if those or such like expressions dropped from the Minister, as it cannot be expected that they could, under such uncertainty, venture to lay in their usual stock of grain at this time of the year, and the consequence must naturally follow, that little demand for barley was to be expected.

There must generally be some consumption for the best barley; but alas! that makes but a small proportion of the produce of the last crop; spirit barley being unfit for the brewers use, the distillers only can consume it to advantage.

The Farmers have heard, that some complaints have been made from respectable people to gentlemen high in office, that about Edinburgh and other populous towns, great intemperance has prevailed among the manufacturers, &c. and this is supposed to arise solely from the low price of spirits. This meeting cannot entirely acquiesce in that assertion. They apprehend that there are other causes, without presuming to surmise what they are, which occasion such intemperance. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has said, in his speech in the House of Commons, that he wished to procure information; this meeting, therefore, trusts that he will not listen to the information of designing and interested people, but that he will have the matter fully and fairly investigated.

The farmers in this meeting must beg leave to declare, that they are not acquainted with any greater influence of immorality than formerly; may, they are inclined to be of opinion, that the laborious part of the community are more sober than they used to be.

Many of this meeting are old enough to remember, that the revenue arising from the distilleries in Scotland was a matter of trifles; that every large town, and even those of any tolerable size, were over-run with a number of illegal distillers, who depraved themselves, and unfortunately occasioned great debauchery among their neighbours. They thought many, but did neither good to themselves or any other moral. The meeting is directly of opinion, that the stopping of the distillery in Scotland would be to lay from having the effect of suppressing the debauchery complained of, that such a measure would rather tend to increase the evil, as it would again introduce smuggling, and all its concomitant mischiefs, while it would deprive the Government of a very considerable revenue, the loss of which must occasion material distress to the country, as other commodities must be taxed to make up the deficiency. This meeting is therefore unanimously of opinion, that nothing can be so proper a subject of taxation as the distillery, and that it scarcely can be too highly taxed as long as Government can suppress the smuggling, and secure to the distiller the British market.

It gives great concern to this meeting to hear a report—a report which they can scarcely give credit to, that there is some intention of placing the distillery under an act similar to that passed in 1784, and again subjecting the distillers to the daily inspection of the officers of Excise.—Experience had proved the former laws for regulating the distillation of spirits from corn in Scotland, to be in many instances ruinous to the interests of the people, and detrimental to the revenue. The present law for regulating the duties by a licence on the contents of the still, was obtained at the desire of the whole landed interest of Scotland, with the approbation of the Commissioners of the Excise and the Lord Advocate.

This law which was passed as an experiment, has proved highly beneficial to the Manufacturer, and the revenue reaped from it, by the Government, has been infinitely greater than any that could have been expected from the old mode of survey, and that at very trifling expense in collecting of it, in comparison of the former manner of carrying the Excise laws into execution.

Therefore this Meeting cannot allow themselves to think that Administration seriously intend to countenance any repeal of a law, which was passed with the universal approbation of Scotland, thereby risking to very considerable a revenue for the Public, and that at a time when there is so much occasion for it.

Designing and interested men may perhaps endeavour to state to Administration, that the duties have never arisen to the amount which was at first expected, and that many frauds have been committed under the present law. If frauds existed, it was the duty of the Officers appointed by Government to check them; nor can it be pretended, that the revenue has suffered so much from them, as from those innumerable deceptions that were committed with or without the connivance of the Officers of Excise in former days.

The benefit that has accrued to the country from the Distillery is very considerable, as the ready market it has afforded for the grain, has given a considerable spur to the industry and ingenuity of the Farmers; it has induced them to give a high rent for their farms, and they have expended large sums in cultivating lands that formerly lay in a neglected state.—The cultivation of barley is closely connected with the improvement of the country; (notwithstanding the care and attention of the Farmers,) his hopes are often frustrated by the inclemency of the seasons; and experience has proved in unfortunate years that nothing can turn the produce of barley to any account but selling it through the hands of the Distiller. It is therefore of the small consequence that the trade should be protected for the immediate benefit of the country, as it not only consumes its

produce, but enables the Government to draw a very considerable revenue from it.

The Meeting therefore appoints Mr Peter Mitchell, Mr Morison, Mr Thomas Miller, Mr James Thompson of the Park, or any other of the Members who chuse to attend as a Committee, (two of them to be a quorum,) with power to them, to concur with the Committee of other Counties, in every legal and constitutional measure for opposing any alteration in the principle of the present law for laying the duties on the Distillery, and to give such protection and support to this important manufacture, as shall seem to be for the interest of the Meeting, which is inseparable from the interests of the Community.
(Signed) PETER MITCHELL, Preses.

The Meeting resolves unanimously to return their thanks to Mr Mitchell, their Preses, for his attention to this business, and appoint these Resolutions to be advertised in the Edinburgh papers.

SHOP TO LET.
THAT long-frequented SHOP in the Luckenbooths, formerly occupied by the deceased John Black, cloth merchant, and now by Alexander Brown. Entry at Whitunday next.
Apply to Thomas Scotland, writer to the signet.

HOUSE HUNTER'S SQUARE.
To be SOLD by public roup, on Wednesday the 23rd of February next, in the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, betwixt the hours of two and three afternoon,
THAT HOUSE in Hunter's Square, presently possessed by Mr Archibald Gilchrist, merchant.
The house may be seen on Mondays and Fridays, from twelve to two o'clock afternoon.
For further particulars, apply to Thomas Glogg, W. S.

HOUSE IN PRINCE'S STREET.
WARE-ROOM, &c. ON SOUTH BRIDGE.
To be LET, and entered to at Whitunday next,
THAT ELEGANT HOUSE in Prince's Street, No. 56, consisting of five floors, 13 rooms, besides kitchen, closets, water-pipe, pump-well, vaulted cellars, &c. Rent 68l.
Also, to be let, that LARGE ROOM on the South Bridge, No. 15, with three other fire rooms, and two cellars under the pavement, presently possessed by William Yetts, cabinet maker. The premises enter by a few steps descending from the pavement, and have a separate entry by the common stair. Rent 22l.
Enquire at Mr Keith, No. 43, Queen's Street.
Not to be repeated.

HOUSE IN GEORGE'S STREET, FOR SALE.
To be sold by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, upon Wednesday the 23rd of February 1798, at one o'clock afternoon,
THAT DWELLING-HOUSE, consisting of two flats, being No. 30, George Street, and upon the north-east corner of South Frederick Street, containing upon the first or upper flat, dining-room, parlour (or business room) drawing-room, three bed-rooms, six closets and other conveniences—upon the second or ground floor, kitchen, housekeeper's room (or writing chamber) dressing-room, floor-room, servants room, pantry, catacombs &c. together with three cellars, all as possessed by the late Mr James Sommers.

The premises may be seen upon Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, from twelve to three o'clock afternoon.
For further particulars application may be made to James Drummond, or David Wemyss, writers to the signet, who are authorized to conclude a private bargain.

FARM IN FIFE-SHIRE, AND MANSION-HOUSE TO LET.
To be LET, for any number of years that may be agreed on, and entered to immediately,
PART of the ESTATE of BALCORMO, situated in the parish of Carbie, and in the county of Fife, in extent between 80 and 90 acres.

As also, the MANSION-HOUSE and GARDEN of Balcormo, to be entered to at Whitunday, situated as above.
The lands and house will be shown by the family now residing there, and James Ramsay, writer to the signet, New Street, will receive offers, and inform as to further particulars.
Such offers as are not accepted will be kept secret if desired.

HOUSE AND GARDEN FOR SALE.
To be SOLD by public roup, in John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Thursday the first of March next, at five o'clock afternoon,
THAT HOUSE, Offices, and Garden at Easter Dalry, lying within a quarter of an hour's walk of Edinburgh, being the first house in Dalry Loan after passing Whitehouse Toll-bar. The house consists of four rooms, with kitchen, closets, &c. and the garden of above a quarter of an acre of ground.

For further particulars, apply to Andrew Steele, writer to the signet, who has powers to conclude a private bargain.

HOUSES AT PERTH TO BE SOLD BY ROUP.
By order of the Sheriff of Perthshire.

To be SOLD, by public roup, within the house of Duncan McDougall, vintner in Perth, upon Friday the 16th day of March next, at three o'clock afternoon,
THE following SUBJECTS, which belong to Andrew Gray, millwright in Perth, conveyed by him upon a disposition in security, containing powers of sale, lying at the street called Paul's Street, without the Highgate Port of Perth, viz.

LOT I. Is to consist of the NEW TENEMENT of Houses, which is the corner house of Paul's Street, and fronts the west and north, and is built on the 10th lot by a plan made out by Henry Buist, land surveyor, upon the town of Perth's feuing out the grounds lately. The upper price is to be 320l.

LOT II. Is to consist of another NEW TENEMENT on the east of the former, which fronts to the north, and is built upon part of the 11th lot, by Henry Buist's plan. The stable, and dunghill house or iced, erected on this lot, and the remainder of the grounds of lot 11th, are to go along with this lot. The upper price is to be 324l.

The entry is to be at Whitunday next, and credit will be given till 10th September next for the price, upon good security.

The articles of roup and writes, will be seen in the hands of Andrew Davidson, writer in Perth.

LANDS IN BERKSHIRE.
TO BE SOLD.

I. THE Lands of CROSSRIGG, with the teinds thereof, lying in the parish of Hutton, presently under task to Adam Johnston, which will expire at Whitunday 1806, at a rent of 250l. besides public burdens. There is a commodious dwelling house and offices on the farm, which is mostly inclosed and subdivided; and as the tenant is bound to leave the fences in proper repair, and to manage the farm so as to leave it in a high state of cultivation, a great rise of rent may be expected. The lands hold of the Crown, and extend to an eight merk land of old extent. They consist of above 400 English acres.

II. EARNSLAW, GREYSTONE-RIGG, and NUNLANDS, with the teinds, lying in the parish of Eccles, presently under task to James Smith, which will expire at Whitunday 1818, at a rent of 253l. The house and offices are most substantial and commodious, and the farm is all inclosed, and properly subdivided. The fences are in the best condition, and the tenant bound to leave them so. He is also bound to a regular rotation of cropping, and the farm at the end of the lease must be in excellent order, a great rise of rent may therefore be expected. The lands hold of the Crown, and afford a freehold qualification. They consist of about 250 English acres.

III. BERRYHAUGH and BERRYBANK, lying contiguous in the parish of Collieston, with the teinds. The former presently under task, which will expire at Whitunday 1804, at a rent of 60l. The houses are not good, but from its vicinity to Berryhaugh, new ones will not be necessary. The Land is very good, but not yet improved.

Berryhaugh is presently under lease to Thomas and James Murray, which will expire at Whitunday 1811, at a rent of 180l. The houses are mostly new. The farm is partly inclosed, and the tenant is bound to keep and leave the fences in good repair. These Lands hold partly of the Crown and partly of a subject superior. These two farms may be sold together or separately.

The tenants will shew the Lands, and further particulars may be learned, by applying to David Thomson, W. S. No. 24, South Frederick Street, Edinburgh.

A CAPITAL WELL FREQUENTED INN TO LET.
To be LET for the space of 14 years from and after the term of Whitunday next.

A Well-frequented commodious INN or TAVERN, in a most central situation in the City of EDINBURGH, consisting of a handsome ball room, supper room, eleven other rooms, besides kitchen, vaulted cellars, and other conveniences, all adapted specially for the business of a victualler on an extensive and genteel scale; and as the present possessor means to retire from business at Whitunday next, any person whom this advertisement suits would find that circumstance of considerable advantage, as an opportunity would thereby be afforded of continuing the established and respectable business which has been carried on in the house for a number of years past.

For the accommodation of the tenant, he may have such parts of the Furniture as have been fitted for and at present in the house upon a fair valuation.

The entry to the premises is proposed to be at Whitunday next, or sooner, as may be agreed on. The rent of the premises is moderate; and as the reputation of the house for good entertainment has been many years established, an opportunity like the present seldom occurs, whether for a person already in business, or for one newly commencing business, in either of which cases the opportunities of public encouragement and of success are very evident.

Further particulars may be learned from Nathaniel Grant, solicitor, New Street, to whom applications are requested to be made.

FARMS IN EAST LOTHIAN TO LET.
To be LET for nineteen years,

THE Lands and Barony of WINTON, lying in the parish of Penciland, and county of East Lothian, and about five miles west from Haddington. The entry to the farms and houses will be at Whitunday 1799, and to the arable lands at the separation of that crop from the ground. The lands contain 750 acres or thereby, Scots measure; the greatest part of which is exceeding good rich soil, and the lime works of Spilmeisford are within less than two miles of the premises. The lands will be let either in one or more farms, as may be agreed on; and a plan of the grounds is in the hands of Mr Robert Hay overfer at Penciland, who will show the grounds, and give information with respect to such other particulars as may be required.

Proposals in writing may be sent to John Hamilton of Penciland, Esq. the proprietor, or to the said Robert Hay, or to Mr James Walker, writer to the signet, at Edinburgh; and such as are not accepted will be kept secret.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

MRS CAMPBELL, Vintner, South Bridge, having given up business, it is requested that all those to whom she is indebted will lodge their accounts with Robert Burns, merchant, High Street, before 8th March, otherwise they will be cut off from any claim upon her funds. Edin. 15th Feb. 1798.
Not to be repeated.

NOTICE.
A MEETING of the CREDITORS of the deceased DAVID GIBSON, merchant in Forfar, is requested on Monday the 19th day of February next, at twelve o'clock noon, within the house of William Monro vintner in Forfar, to concert measures as to disposing of the deceased's subjects for payment of his debts.—Forfar, Feb. 11, 1798.

TO CREDITORS.
THE Dividends ordered by the Trustee to be paid to the Creditors of Mr ALLAN MACDOUGALL, W. S. and GEORGE ANDREW, writer in Edinburgh, being now in the course of payment by Harry Davidson, W. S. No. 11, South Hanover Street, it is requested the creditors will not delay calling for them.
Not to be repeated.

SUBJECTS IN AND ABOUT EDINBURGH FOR SALE.

To be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 16th day of February 1798, at six o'clock afternoon,
I.—A DWELLING-HOUSE, Offices and Garden, part of the Lands of Newington, presently possessed, but not under lease, by David Littlejohn, Esq. As also, Another Dwelling-house, and Park, adjoining to Mr Littlejohn's possession, consisting of upwards of half a Scots acre, presently possessed by Mr Francis MacNab, upon a lease which has several years to run, but with privilege to the purchaser to remove the tenant at Candlemas 1801. This property, lying on the east side of the road from Edinburgh to Libberton Kirk, &c. within 15 minutes walk of the Cross, extends about 270 in front along said road, and 170 in depth in the greatest part of it, and seems well suited either for building a row of contiguous houses, with convenient back areas or gardens, or for one or more villas towards the centre of the ground, and at some distance from the road.

II.—AN INCLOSURE at Seanness, consisting of about 2½ acre Scotch measure, presently possessed by Mr Lawson as a nursery garden, under a sub-lease from the said Mr Francis MacNab, with the privilege to the purchaser of removing both tenant and sub-tenant at Candlemas 1801. This inclosure, having no entries to it, the one from the Seanness Loan or road leading to Burnfield, and the other from Libberton road opposite to lot I. is of excellent soil, calculated either for a fruit or nursery garden, and might also be an eligible situation for a villa, with garden and shrubbery, the exposure being to the south, and commanding in that direction a free, extensive, and beautiful prospect of the adjacent country.

III.—THE GOLF-HOUSE, Garden, Offices, and Conveniences, at the east end of Burnfield Links, presently possessed by Mrs Campbell and others, but not under lease, extending to 3 roods, 15 falls and upwards, Scotch measure. This property, at a small expense, is capable of great improvement, whether it be continued as a tavern, and let for country rooms as it is now employed, or be converted into the residence of a private family.

IV.—A DWELLING HOUSE in Skinner's Close, being the Second Flat or Storey of Learmonth's Land in said Close, with a cellar and pertinents, presently possessed, but not under lease, by Mr McNaughton, tailor.

V.—A DWELLING-HOUSE at the head of Leith Wynd, being the Second Storey or Flat up the first turnpike stair on the east side of said Wynd, presently possessed, but not under lease, by Mr John Robertson, silver smith.

VI.—A BAKEHOUSE and ESTABLISHED OVEN, with Cellars, Vaults, and appurtenances, entering from the High Street of Edinburgh, at the head, and on the east side of Halkerton's Wynd; with Apartments above the Oven, entering by Kinloch's Close; and a DWELLING-HOUSE, lying within the head of Halkerton's Wynd, being the first Storey or flat up the first turnpike on the east side of the Wynd, with cellars and coal nitch thereto belonging. Together, also, with a Cellar further down the close, and inclosing the outside of the said oven; all presently possessed under a lease current to Whitunday 1811, by Mr Murray, baker.

VII.—A DWELLING-HOUSE, being the First Storey or Flat up the scale stair of the great fore land at the head of Dickson's Close, presently possessed by Mr William Pearson, with sundry Garret Rooms at the top of the said scale stair in possession of different tenants.

VIII.—ADWELLING-HOUSE and SHOP in said great fore land at the head of Dickson's Close, immediately under lot VIII, entering both from the High Street by a fore stair, and from Dickson's Close, and a Dwelling-House and cellar below the same, and vault under the pavement, all possessed, under a lease current to Whitunday 1799, by Miss Pillans, milliners, or sub-tenants from them, with sundry Vaults, Cellars, and Lumber Lofts, on the west side of Dickson's Close, possessed by Mr Burns, and a small Booth or Shop below the fore stair, to the west of Miss Pillans' Booth.

IX.—A DWELLING-HOUSE in Libberton's Wynd, being the Second Flat or Storey within the turnpike of Bruce's Land, lying on the east side of the Wynd, with the cellar and pertinents thereto belonging, presently possessed, but not under lease, by Mr George Caw, printer.

The term of the purchaser's entry to the whole premises to be at Whitunday next, at which term, or three months later, if required, the prices will be payable, and will bear interest from said term of Whitunday.

The tenants of the respective tenements will show them to enquirers; and the conditions of sale, title deeds, rental, and leases of the premises, with plans and measurements of lot I, II, and III, are in the hands of Richard Hutchins, writer to the signet, to whom application may be made for all particulars.

N. B. The Farm of BROOMPARK, in the parish of Torphichen, and shire of Linlithgow, will also soon be advertised for sale.



DUNBAR PRIVATEER.

The Subscribers who paid the calls made on them for fitting out a PRIVATEER from DUNBAR, in the year 1781, are requested to meet by themselves or their agents, in John Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Monday the 19th of February current, at two o'clock afternoon, to consider and approve of the outstanding subscriptions, and a final report now made by Mr Robert Allan, accountant, as to the state of the concern, consequence of a remit from Lord Swinton, Ordinary in the cause. In the mean time, all concerned may see the report and be informed of other particulars, by applying to Francis Strachan, W. S. Warriston's Close.



AT LEITH—FOR LONDON.

The Old Shipping Company's Smack, NEPTUNE.
JOSEPH HALL Master,
Will take in Goods until Saturday at three o'clock, when he will sail.
Leith, Wednesday, 14th Feb. 1798. W. GRINLY, Agent.



AT LEITH—FOR LONDON.

The Union Shipping Company's Smack, BERWICK-SHIRE PACKET.
JAMES CUMMING Master,
Will take in goods till Saturday evening, and sail on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.
Leith, 15th February 1798. Union Shipping Company's Office.



FOR KINGSTON, JAMAICA.

With or without conveyance.
THE BRIG CHANCE.
THOMAS BISHOP Master,
A fast sailer, and has good accommodation for passengers, is ready to take in goods, and will fill from Leith the 25th instant.—For freight and passage, apply to Wm. SIBBALD and CO. Leith 12th Feb. 1798.
Trademen and Clerks will meet with the usual good arrangement.

SHIP FOR SALE AT ST ANDREWS.
To be SOLD, by Private Bargain,
A NEW VESSEL IN THE STOCKS.

Which will be ready to launch by the middle of March, measuring 54½ feet keel, 19 feet beam, and 10 feet 8 inches hold, built of English oak, with a flat bottom, and the ceilings partly oak. The vessel will register about 110 tons. Part of the price may remain for sometime in the purchaser's hands upon bill with a good cautioner.

Offers to be given in betwixt this and the middle of March, to Robert Meldrum, writer at St Andrews, or John Ogilvie, writer in Dundee.

TICKLE TOBY.
WILL COVER this season at Huttonhall, Berwickshire.—Thorough-bred Mares Three Guineas each, and Five Shillings to the Groom; Common Mares One Guinea and a Half, and Half-a-Crown to the Groom.
Good grafts and hay, and oats, if required.

HOUSE IN THE SOCIETY.
To be LET, and entered to at Whitunday next,
THAT Large and Commodious HOUSE in the SOCIETY, No. 8, at present possessed by Mrs Crawford of Carronbank.

It consists of twelve fire rooms, kitchen, pantry, vaulted cellars below the house, back court, water-pipe, and the use of a green. Three of the rooms are large and elegant—one of 33 feet by 19, with a large bow; another of 24 feet by 16; and another of 20 feet by 16½.

Further particulars may be had by applying to Miss Charlotte Campbell, No. 7, Society.

SALE OF HOUSE IN PARK STREET.
To be sold by auction, on Wednesday the 23rd February next, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, at two o'clock afternoon,
THAT Commodious DWELLING HOUSE in Park Street, lately belonging to, and possessed by the deceased Lady Mary Irvine, consisting of eight rooms, kitchen, light closets, and cellars, with a small garden, and other conveniences.

For inspection of the title-deeds and articles of sale, apply to Mr Boswell, W. S. who has power to conclude a private bargain; and the house will be shown on Monday, Thursday, or Saturday, from one to three o'clock, previous to the sale.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC ROUP.
Within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 7th day of March next, between the hours of five and seven afternoon,
LOT I.

ALL and Whole TWO TENEMENTS of LAND, consisting of a tenement covered with red tiles, and a lower tenement covered with thatch, with the piece of waste ground before the door of the same, which tenements are situated at the fourth-east corner of the inclosure belonging to Lady Glencairn at Whitehouse Toll.

LOT II.
All and half TWO TENEMENTS of LAND at Easter Whitehouse, on the north side of the King's highway leading from the city of Edinburgh to the Colt Bridge, and consisting of about 80 feet in front, and forty feet in breadth, together with a piece of waste ground at the back of the same.

These subjects hold feu of Heriot's Hospital for payment of a small feu-duty, and the public burdens are but a few shillings, and afford a good situation for rebuilding, if purchasers shall incline.

The title-deeds, together with a rental of the subjects, are in the hands of John Morin, writer, Parliament Square, Edinburgh, to whom application may be made for further particulars.

FARM, LIME-QUARRY, & COAL TO LET, IN FIFE-SHIRE.

To be LET for such a number of years as can be agreed upon, and entered to at the term of Martinmas next.

THE FARM of FRESFAULD, part of the Estate of Feasles, lying in parish of Ceres, consisting of upwards of fifty acres, mostly arable, with a good sheep park of eight or nine acres, substantially inclosed, and about twenty acres of moor nearly adjoining the farm, mostly of good quality, and presently under fallow;—great part of it is limed, and it can be easily otherwise improved.

The LIME-QUARRIES of Teasles, with the Coal-houses and pertinents. This lime is well known to be of a very superior quality, is level free, and may be wrought either by aiming at tiring. The northern quarry shews a face of about eleven feet thick of pure limestone, and the southern quarry is of the same thickness, and easily wrought.—And the Coal of Teasles, which is wrought level free, at little expense, is of an excellent quality for burning lime, and besides supplying the above lime works, will afford a great quantity of coal for sale.

For particulars, apply to Mr Edward Bruce, clerk to the signet, or Mr Thomas Horburgh, writer in Cupar.
Thomas Brand at Teasles mill, will shew the premises.

SALE OF LANDS IN THE COUNTY OF ARGYLE.

TO BE SOLD BY PRIVATE BARGAIN.
THE well-known beautiful and fertile ISLAND of MONK, containing from twelve to fifteen hundred acres of fine arable and pasture land, all lying on limestone, surrounded by the best fishing banks on the west coast, has two good harbours, and lies at equal distances between the harbours of Tobermory and Canna. The islands in its vicinity abound in game, and its distance from the main land does not exceed eight miles. The opening of the Crinan Canal will raise the value of this property considerably, as it renders the carrying of its fish and help to market faster and commodious.

The rental, title-deeds, and plan of the property, may be seen in the hands of John Campbell, jun. W. S. who has power from the proprietor to conclude a bargain.

N. B.—A great part of the price will (if desired) be allowed to remain in the purchaser's hands, on granting proper security.